Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar—There are many difficulties in the way. We will consider and do whatever is possible.

Dewan.—We will consider this after referring to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT NO. 43.

Extension of time for enrolment as second grade pleaders.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board; G. S. Murigappa, Gubbi Taluk, and Hoskote Seenappa, Javali Rudrappa, Hoskote Taluk, and Setti Basappa, Hoskote Municipality and Mr. T. Kanni Settappa, Chikballapur Taluk.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—The time granted to Matriculates and S. S. L. C.'s to enrol themselves as second-grade pleaders may be extended by another 5 years. There are now many candidates who have already passed in one or more subjects and have yet to pass some more subjects. If another extension is given, it will be possible for these to enrol. It will be very inconvenient for poor men to appoint advocates to conduct their cases on account of the high fees they demand. As the second-grade pleaders serve their purpose well, it is necessary to give room to increase the number of such men, for practice in lower courts. The Magistrates have got the option of allowing *Mokhtiars* to practise. While this is the case, there cannot be any harm in allowing the men who have passed the necessary tests, though with lower general educational qualifications, to practise.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—There are a number of law graduates now.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao.—If they reside in taluks, it would be all right.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—In all Civil Courts you find lawyers.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao.—But not in Criminal Courts.

Mr. Anantaiya.—In the Bombay Presidency, even Matriculates are allowed to appear for the High Court Vakils' examination. It is desirable to allow qualified men to enrol and practice so long as the standard of examination is not lessened.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—This is quite another question. Government have decided to have only one class of pleaders.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao.—Those of the second grade, already in existence will not go.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—What is the disadvantage?

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao.—There are not enough men.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—There are some candidates who have to pass in one or two subjects and who hope to do that next time. If at least another year's extension is given, some more will be enabled to enrol.

Mr. Purushottamanandagiri Goswami.—It is not desirable to give scope for such class of men to practise hereafter, as cases are likely to be spoiled in the hands of men who are not properly educated. If the case is not handled properly by a lawyer, the party will be put to unnecessary loss. We must therefore have only well educated men to conduct cases. Further extension of time is therefore unnecessary.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—Government have already decided not to create another class of

lawyers. At the request of the people sufficient extension of time has been given and the examinations are being held twice every year. There are already a good number of educated men now practising and further extension of time is unnecessary.

Second Member of Council.—Even if we give another extension, there will still remain men who have got through some subjects, and yet to pass some more. There will ever be this difficulty. Sufficient extension of time has already been given.

Dewan.—It is a question of principle, and I do not think there is any use in discussing this. The Chief Court is very strong about it, and Government have given their opinion. The question will not be considered further.

PROTECTION.—(POLICE).

(No. 44.)

SUBJECT No. 44.

(*a*) Witness *batta* to Patels in Police cases.

(*b*) T. A. to Patels when they are cited as witnesses in criminal cases.

Mr. Veeregowda, Dodballapur Taluk.

Mr. Timmappaiya.—*Batta* may be ordered to be given to Patels whenever they are cited as witnesses for the prosecution in Police cases.

Second Member of Council.—The question of giving *batta* to Patels in Police cases is under the consideration of Government.

PROTECTION—(PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION).

(No. 45.)

SUBJECT No. 45.

Abolition of fees in hospitals.

Messrs. N. Setwaji Rao and Madappa, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—Fees are being levied in the hospital.

Dewan.—Fees are being collected only from well-to-do classes.

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—The levy works as a hardship to the poor. I am speaking from personal experience. The income from this source is only about Rs. 12,000 and this may be given up.

Dewan.—Have you seen the recommendation of the Finance Committee?

Second Member of Council.—What is your reply to that?

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—I have not noted it.

Second Member of Council.—Rich people are recommended to pay more; that is the recommendation.

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—But the income will not be appreciable.

Second Member of Council.—That is no reason to ignore it altogether.

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—Inconveniences do not reach your notice. Poor people are not given any medicine. Let there be no levy as before.

Second Member of Council.—What is being done is all right. The fee should not be abolished. It should rather be increased.